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Fire Destroys Home in St. Charles

A family has been left homeless in St. Charles after a fire ripped through their two story home just before 7 p.m.

Neighbors called 911 after noticing heavy smoke and fire coming from the garage of the home at #6 Kelso Court in North St. Charles. Neighbors originally feared that a teenage boy was still inside the home, but he was later found to be at a friend's home down the street.

Firefighters had to act quickly to extinguish the side of a neighboring home that had also ignited due to the intensity of the fire. The residence at #4 Kelso Court sustained heavy heat damage and the family was not sure if they would be able to stay overnight in the home. The residence at #8 Kelso court also sustained minor heat damage, but the residents were expected to be allowed to stay.

Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control in 30 minutes. Damage is estimated to be over \$250,000. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation, but it is believed to be accidental. The area of fire origin appears to be in the garage of the residence.

No one was home at the time of the fire and no injuries were reported.



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